

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Due to substantial amendments, a new Abstract of the Disclosure in clean text form without markings is filed herewith. Please cancel the previous abstract.

--An electromagnetic clutch has an excitation coil, a rotor with a rotatably supported friction surface and an armature that includes a disk with a friction surface facing opposite the friction surface of the rotor causing the disk to be held onto the rotor by an electromagnetic force as power is supplied to the excitation coil. A magnetism blocking portion blocking a flow of magnetism is formed to extend along a circumferential direction at an approximate middle position of the disk of the armature along the radial direction. A plurality of magnetism blocking portions blocking a flow of magnetism are formed to extend along the circumferential direction at varying positions set along the radial direction at the friction surface of the rotor. A plurality of magnetic poles are formed at positions along the radial direction between the friction surface of the rotor and the friction surface of the disk of the armature.--